

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

YEKEEN A. BELLO,

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Plaintiff,

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v.

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Civil Action No. AMD 03-CV-493

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION,

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Defendant.

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STATUS REPORT

Defendant Bank of America Corporation, through undersigned counsel and pursuant to the Court's Scheduling Order dated June 2, 2003, respectfully submits this Status Report and states as follows:

a. Discovery: Defendant's discovery is complete. As the discovery deadline is today, discovery is over.

b. Pending Motions: No motions are currently pending. However, Defendant understands that Plaintiff intends to file a motion for extension of the discovery deadline today. Defendant would oppose any such motion.

c. Intent to File Motions: Defendant intends to file a motion for summary judgment in this matter.

d. Trial: Should it be necessary, this case will be tried before a jury. Defendant estimates that any trial of this matter would take approximately two days.

e. Settlement Discussions: On Friday, October 3, 2003, in the offices of McGuireWoods LLP and following Plaintiff's deposition, Fatai Suleman, Douglas Topolski, and

Elena Marcuss discussed whether settlement of this matter might be possible. Mr. Suleman promised to present the Bank with a settlement offer. To date, no such offer has been tendered.

f. Reference to a Magistrate: Defendant does not believe that reference to a magistrate would be fruitful at this point. However, it will revisit this matter should its motion for summary judgment be denied.

g. Consent to Proceed before a Magistrate: Defendant would prefer that this matter be heard by the Court and, therefore, does not consent at this time to proceed before a United States Magistrate Judge.

h. Other Matters: Defendant is not aware of any other matters that should be brought to the Court's attention at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 15th day of October, 2003, a copy of the foregoing Status Report, which was electronically filed in this matter on October 14, 2003, was mailed, first-class, postage prepaid to:

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_____/s/_____
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